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1. ALTHOUGH REPORTED BY USIS, EMBASSY DID NOT REPORT SEPARATELY THAT GOB ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 11 A DAY OF NATIONAL REJOICING OVER THE PANAMA CANAL AGREEMENT AND PRESIDENT BANZER REPORTEDLY TELEPHONED PRESIDENT TORRIJOS TO CONGRATULATE HIM PERSONALLY. THE GOB'S OFFICIAL SPOKESMAN, JAVIER ARCE, TOLD THE NEWSPAPER PRESENCIA THAT THE ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT HAD BEEN RECEIVED WITH GREAT SATISFACTION BY PRESIDENT BANZER. THE GOB MADE A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT WHICH RECEIVED MAJOR FRONT-PAGE TREATMENT IN ALL MAJOR NEWSPAPERS. FOREIGN MINISTER ADRIAZOLA PRAISED THE AGREEMENT EFFUSIVELY AUGUST 12 IN A PRESS CONFERENCE.
2. PRESENCIA RECALLED THAT PANAMA HAD BEEN ONE OF THE FIRST COUNTRIES (IN 1964) TO SUPPORT BOLIVIA'S DEMAND FOR A SOVEREIGN OUTLET TO THE PACIFIC.
3. IN CONVERSATION BY CHARGE WITH FONMINISTRY UNDERSECRETARY TERCEROS BANZER ON AUGUST 23, TERCEROS REFERRED TO THE GOVERNMENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE CANAL AGREEMENT AND EXPRESSED
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THE OPINION THAT THESE ADEQUATELY DEMONSTRATED THE GOB STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE AGREEMENT. WE ASSUME THIS SATISFIES THE REQUIREMENT FOR A DEMARCHE REQUESTED IN REFTEL.
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